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FINANCE
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GOODS SEIZED BY CUSTOMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the smuggled goods like Narcotics, goods of archaeological importance, electronic goods and goods, wild life products, foreign country (alongwith the names of the countries), medicinal powder gold biscuits etc. confiscated by the customs department at the Indira Gandhi International Airport during 2003, so far;

(b) the details of the procedure adopted to sell such confiscated goods; and

(c) the details of the facilities provided to the VIPs/MPs to purchase such goods ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The value of smuggled goods seized by the Custom authorities at the Indira Gandhi International Airport during 2003 upto 30-11-2003 is Rs7.75 crore.

(b) & (c): Seized/Confiscated consumer goods are sold to the public, including VIPs/MPs, at Customs Retail Shops and also through agencies like Defence Canteens & National Consumers Cooperative Federation. Trade goods and precious stones are sold through public auction and gold is sold through State Bank of India.

However, only sitting MPs are allowed to purchase arms/ammunition from the Customs confiscated stock, on as is where is basis and at prevalent market price.